

Health Care for Children

The Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (LaCHIP) is a no-cost health insurance program designed to bring quality health care to uninsured children and youth up to the age of 19 in Louisiana. LaCHIP provides health care coverage for doctor visits for primary care as well as preventive and emergency care, immunizations, prescription medications, hospitalization, home health care and many other health services. There are no enrollment fees, premiums, copayments or deductibles.

In order to qualify, family income cannot be more than 200 % of the federal poverty level. Income guidelines provided on the LaChip web site show that monthly income cannot exceed \$2,082 for a family of two and \$3,142 for a family of four. Children enrolled in LaChip maintain their eligibility for 12 continuous months, regardless of whether their family's income increases during this period. A renewal of coverage is done after each 12-month period.

For additional information or to receive an application, call toll-free at 1-877-252-2447 or visit DHH's LaChip web pages at <http://www.dhh.state.la.us/offices/?ID=119>. Applications are also available at WIC offices, school-based health clinics, community health centers and community action agencies throughout the State.